

August 1, 2012

Virginia: At a special called meeting of the Council for the Town of Chatham, held at the Chatham Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. on August 1, 2012.

Present: Joseph H. Rogers, Mayor

Robert B. Thompson, Vice Mayor

Council Members: Janet R. Bishop, William P. Black, Roy P. Byrd, Andrew D. Wall,

Alvin R. Crider

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by Mayor Rogers.

Item was added to agenda on the Cross Swearing of Town Police Officers with Pittsylvania County Sherriff's Department.

On a Motion by Byrd seconded by Thompson to approve agenda as modified.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Bishop, Black, Byrd, Crider, Thompson, Wall

Council discussed the job description and advertisement for the Clerk/Treasurer position to be filled due to the death of David Cothran. It was discussed that the advertisement would run for two weeks and would be placed in the Star Tribune, Danville Register and Bee, Lynchburg News and with the Virginia Municipal League. The job description will also be placed on the Town website.

On a Motion by Thompson seconded by Black to advertise the Clerk/Treasurer position for two weeks with ad being placed in the Star Tribune, Danville Register and Bee, Lynchburg News and VML.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Thompson, Wall, Black, Bishop, Byrd, Crider

Mrs. Bishop and Nancy Lawless presented a proposal from Computer Barn to network computers to allow employees to be able to perform data entry and begin using software that has been purchased from Southern Software for the Financial Management System of the Town. Also an uninterruptible power supply would be added to this system. This would eliminate the duplication of data entry that was being done now. Mr. Thompson added that a battery backup is needed for all computers that will be networked. This will be looked into by Town Staff.

On a Motion by Bishop seconded by Black to approve the networking to be done by Computer Barn for the price quoted of \$6998.00 and that the Uninterruptable Power Supply be included at \$399.00 for a total of \$7397.00

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Black, Byrd, Bishop, Crider, Wall, Thompson

Mr. Thompson and Chief Wright presented the need for Cross Swearing the Town Police Officers with the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Department. Chief Wright explained that should a Town Officer be called to assist the Sheriff Department on a call and arrive first on the scene they could take charge and make arrest if necessary before the County Officer arrived.

Thompson recommend from the Police Committee to have the Chief and Town Manager draft a letter to the Sheriff to have the Town Police Officers cross sworn with the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office.

The Vote: Ayes: Council Members; Thompson, Crider, Bishop, Byrd, Wall, Black

It was presented and discussed to obtain the Law firm of Yeatts, Overbey, and Ramsey to represent the Town on legal matters since the present Attorney, Larry Gott, is resigning. Their fee would be a non-refundable retainer of \$2400.00 and the rate of \$150.00 per hour; associate attorney at \$120.00 per hour and legal assistance at \$60.00 per hour. Mr. Thompson asked Town Manager to see if the retainer fee included attending monthly Council meetings.

On a Motion by Wall seconded by Byrd to accept the proposal from the Law Firm Yeatts, Overbey and Ramsey to represent the Town.

The Vote: Aye: Council Members; Bishop, Wall, Black, Crider, Thompson, Byrd

On a Motion by Black seconded by Bishop to authorize the Town Manager to sign documents needed to be signed during the absents of the Clerk/Treasurer in accordance with Chapter 2.08-50 of the Town Code, powers and duties of the Town Manager.

The Vote: Ayes: Council Members; Byrd, Crider, Bishop, Wall, Thompson, Black

On a Motion by Wall second by Byrd to accept the resignation of Town Attorney, Larry Gott.

The Vote: Ayes: Council Members; Bishop, Crider, Byrd, Wall, Thompson, Black

Council approved the Town Manager use his discretion as to closing the Office for attending the memorial service of David Cothran.

Council Members took a moment to reflect on the life of David Cothran with personal comments of what he meant to them and the Town.

Having no further business council was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: Town Manager

